Case 2:16-cr-00205-GMN-PAL Document 26 Filed 01/12/17 FILED ENTERED SERVED ON COUNSEL/PARTIES OF RECORD JAN 12 2017 1 2 CLERK US DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA 3 BY: DEPUTY 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA** 8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 2:16-CR-205-GMN-(PAL) 9 Plaintiff, 10 Preliminary Order of Forfeiture v. 11 TAWANA WELLS, 12 Defendant. This Court finds that defendant Tawana Wells pled guilty to Count One of a One-Count 13 Indictment charging her with Felon in Possession of a Firearm in violation of Title 18, United 14 States Code, Section 922(g)(1). Indictment, ECF No. 1; Change of Plea, ECF No. 20; Plea 15 Agreement, ECF No. 23. 16 This Court finds defendant Tawana Wells agreed to the forfeiture of the property set forth 17 in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment. Indictment, ECF No. 1; 18 19 Change of Plea, ECF No. 20; Plea Agreement, ECF No. 23. 20 This Court finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1) and (2), the United States of America has shown the requisite nexus between property set forth in the Plea Agreement and the 21 Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment and the offense to which defendant Tawana Wells pled 22 guilty. 23 The following asset is any firearm or ammunition involved in or used in any knowing 24 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), and is subject to forfeiture pursuant 25

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to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c): Glock, 9mm semi-automatic handgun bearing serial number KFK549 (property).

This Court finds the United States of America is now entitled to, and should, reduce the aforementioned property to the possession of the United States of America.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the United States of America should seize the aforementioned property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED all right, title, and interest of Tawana Wells in the aforementioned property is forfeited and is vested in the United States of America and shall be safely held by the United States of America until further order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the United States of America shall publish for at least thirty (30) consecutive days on the official internet government forfeiture website, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Order, which shall describe the forfeited property, state the time under the applicable statute when a petition contesting the forfeiture must be filed, and state the name and contact information for the government attorney to be served with the petition, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6) and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(2).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that any individual or entity who claims an interest in the aforementioned property must file a petition for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, which petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(3) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's petition and the relief sought.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a petition, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, no later than thirty (30) days after the notice is sent or, if direct notice was not sent, no later than

sixty (60) days after the first day of the publication on the official internet government forfeiture site, www.forfeiture.gov.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a copy of the petition, if any, shall be served upon the Asset Forfeiture Attorney of the United States Attorney's Office at the following address at the time of filing:

Michael A. Humphreys Assistant United States Attorney Daniel D. Hollingsworth Assistant United States Attorney 501 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 1100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the notice described herein need not be published in the event a Declaration of Forfeiture is issued by the appropriate agency following publication of notice of seizure and intent to administratively forfeit the above-described property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Clerk send copies of this Order to all counsel of record.

DATED this /2 day of _______, 2017

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE